

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement alleging that the application claims eighteen separate inventions. Specifically, the Examiner identifies the eighteen inventions as being:

Group I consisting of claims 31-32, 36-47, drawn to a first method, a method for determining biological protein function, classified in class 436, subclass 501; Group II consisting of claims 33-34 and 48-59, drawn to a second method, a method for determining biological protein function, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1; Group III consisting of claims 35 and 60, drawn to a third method, a method for determining biological protein function, classified in class 530, subclass 350+; Groups IV-XVII consisting of claims 61-69, drawn to libraries, classified in class 514, subclass 11; and Group XVIII consisting of claim 70, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 422, subclass 102 and class 435, subclasses 82.08 and 808.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.142, Applicants elect Group I, claims 31-32 and 36-47 without traverse. Claims 33-35 and 48-70 are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner under 37 C.F.R. 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants, however, reserve the right pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.141 to pursue claims to the non-elected invention in this application in the event a generic claim is allowed.

Applicants also reserve the right pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention during the pendency of the present application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that claims 31-32 and 36-47 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request prompt and favorable action. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, if Applicants are incorrect in this assumption please charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 23-2415.

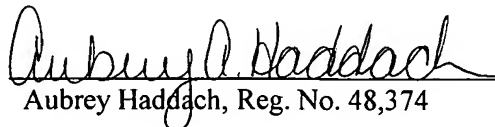
If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (858) 350-2319.

Respectfully submitted,

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